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Foreign Groups for Guerrilla,  
S. O. and S. I. Warfare

More and more foreign nationals are looking to the Office of Strategic Services to help them fight our enemies. The approach months ago was political and military. Now it has become exclusively military.

These peoples see in the Office of Strategic Services a friendly governmental agency, flexible enough to render quick and effective help and definitely interested from an operations standpoint of military action.

These groups should be encouraged. They should come to us:

First - To aid in Guerrilla warfare. This means that we will have to help them get Lend-Lease aid to equip and feed them. Lend-Lease is more than willing to cooperate. We should do the military training and get them ready for service under theatre commanders. These peoples, with whom I have had intimate association, are a great reservoir of military strength.

Second - They will be the fountain from which we can secure many S. O. operators and be of great assistance in furnishing contacts in foreign lands.

Third - They offer an enormous possibility for intelligence. We are tapping some of these sources now, but the potentials for more information as we get closer to these people are great indeed.

The State Department and Lend-Lease look to the Office of Strategic Services to do this job and stand willing to help in many ways.

I recommend that I be instructed to work out a program with a number of these groups for submission to you and for further consideration by the Joint Chiefs when you are convinced the plan is a good one.

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